

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION EMPOWERING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO A PROJECT
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DULUTH.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth empowers the St. Louis County housing and redevelopment authority (HRA) to provide \$115,000 in funding to the Minnesota council for veterans, which is needed for a permanent supportive and transitional housing project for homeless veterans located at 5201 and 5209 Ramsey Street.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution empowers the St. Louis County housing and redevelopment authority (HRA) to provide funding for a housing project within the boundaries of the city of Duluth.

The Minnesota council for veterans (MACV) has acquired and will be renovating two adjacent buildings in West Duluth for the purpose of providing permanent supportive and transitional housing for homeless veterans. The project, called the Duluth Veterans' Place, is a priority of the "Heading Home St. Louis County: A Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness" that has been adopted by the city council as part of the city's consolidated plan for housing and community development. On July 28, 2008, the council approved Resolution 08-0479R, allowing \$35,000 from the St. Louis County HRA to be provided to this project. The Northern Communities Land Trust is developing Duluth Veterans' Place on behalf of MACV.

As part of the overall financing of the project, MACV again approached St. Louis County requesting additional support. The county approved \$115,000 in funding from the St. Louis County HRA, which has the authority to fund projects that provide decent, safe and affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income. State of Minnesota Statute, Section 469.005 Area of Operation, Subdivision 1., states that "a county authority . . . shall not undertake any project within the boundaries of any city which has not empowered the authority to function therein as provided in Section 469.005 unless a resolution has been adopted by the governing body of the city . . .". This resolution allows the St. Louis County HRA to exercise its powers within the city's boundaries.